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SUMMARY.**FARMER'S DRESS DEPARTMENT.****PLEASE KEEP TO THE RIGHT**

FOR THE COLOURED DRESS SECTION.

The importation is rendered necessary from the fact that we have no manufacturers of Coloured Dress.

Department to the other side of the Ground Floor Showroom, and it is now on the right side of the building.

We know that our patrons deprecate changes as much as we do—people who have been here for years.

But in the same countries always.

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There is far more light now on the Coloured Dress counters than there ever was before.

Several Liberals spoke against the bill.

Mr. Horace Toser is inviting tenders for a

Government tender service to Brisbane via

Telegraph.

At the Easter banquet at the Mansion House

Mr. T. A. Coghill congratulated the Government on their friendship with England.

And their colonies were neglected.

Mr. G. W. Beeter (Liberal) will oppose Mr. Churchill at the Dundee election.

Mr. Stuart is the Labour candidate.

Moses Ezra, in Sicily, is in active eruption,

and makes a splendid show.

The Mohammedans on the northern frontier of

Asia are rapidly dispersed.

The preaching of the Jethad (holy war), how-

ever, continues.

Serious riots have occurred among the na-

tives of Annan, Indo-China. The leaders are

anti-French representatives of the educated

class.

A base named Kandau has demonstrated

the operation of a machine for transmitting

pictures by wireless telegraphy.

There is a steady stream of agriculturists

seeking assisted passage to Western Aus-

tralia.

Sir Manuel, in a speech at the opening of

the Portuguese Cortes, referred to the terri-

tory of his father, King Carlos.

The Federal Council has sanctioned

a bill increasing the subvention of the

North German Lloyd Company by 500,000

marks annually.

General Plessner, formerly a Poor leader,

had contemplated an armed inva-

sion of Asia to expel the Portuguese and

conquer the country to Great Britain.

Mr. Charles Conder, a wealthy stockbroker

from New York, committed suicide after losing

\$200,000, the money he had invested in

the Federal Council.

An explosion occurred on board the Japanese

training cruiser *Tsurumi* when off the Pe-

ninsula, south of Japan.

The crew sank, and it is feared that 200

of the crew perished.

At the Premier's Conference Mr. Wade moved

that the State should control its own immi-

gration policy and the development of its agri-

cultural resources.

He said that by making increased areas

available for settlement they expected a largely

increased flow of immigrants to occupy the

land.

An amendment was agreed to providing that

the Federal Government co-operate with the

State Government in advertising the advantages Australia offers.

The Premiers are to discuss the question

as soon as practicable with the Federal Gov-

ernment with a view to concluding an agree-

ment.

The other part of the original motion in

proposed by Mr. Reid controlling the agri-

cultural development was adopted.

A motion "that it is desirable that the di-

rect representation of individual States out-

side the Commonwealth be continued" was

carried.

Holding has been ascertained regarding the

supposed attempt to dynamite the fort at

Thursday Island.

The matter is still a mystery. Some regard

it as a plot by the officer commanding

as a joke.

The State Governor yesterday unveiled a

memorial tablet affixed to the Cook Statue

in Hyde Park by the Yorkshire Society.

The Improvement Leases Cancellation (De-

clerical) Act has received the Governor's ap-

probation.

Several of the areas are to be gazetted as

available for settlement within a fortnight.

An attempt was made to wreck a train on

the line connecting with the South Bulli Com-

pany's jetty, the points having been tampered

with.

An engine was derailed while shunting at

Paramatta railway station on Wednesday af-

ternoon.

The Murrumbidgee Accident Inquiry Commis-

sioner is investigating.

The evidence showed that the driver of the

Amalgamated train, which crashed into the other

train, had a clear line.

The whole of the evidence centred around

the fact whether the signal acted or not.

Mr. Fisher, leader of the Federal Labour

party, considers the amount to be spent in

on the American fleet should not be

exceeded.

Judge Rogers referred yesterday to the thin

ranks of the judiciary, and declared that the

high pressure was taking the last ounce out of

him.

The new police barracks at Redfern were in-

spect ed yesterday by Lord Northcote.

A conference took place yesterday between

the coastal companies and the representatives

of the Merchant Service Guild.

Terms and conditions of employment of the

men who are engaged in the companies

were discussed.

No settlement was arrived at, and it was

agreed to submit the matter to a committee

for further consideration.

Mr. Wood declined to review the question of

the award of a lease to the Commonwealth

Co-operative Corporation for an area of land in the Wol-

ga Valley.

The promise to grant the lease was, he said,

an inheritance from Mr. Carruthers.

The Sydney Law Council, at its meeting

last night, condemned the action of Mr. Wood.

Lawful preparations are being made for the

trial on Saturday.

The collection of the crew of the *Surprise* had

been completed.

The steamer *Ottomania*, which has been es-

saged in coaling the American fleet in Mag-

delan Bay, Mexico, arrived in Sydney yes-

terday.

Captain Swan reports that Admiral Evans

became indisposed while the fleet was in Mag-

delan Bay, and was invalidised to San Fran-

cisco.

The senior officer, Admiral Thomas, assumed

command of the fleet, and hoisted his flag on

the Missouri.

The Federal Government received another

heavy blow on the tariff yesterday.

The Senate's request that the duty on re-

-active and percussive rock drills be 6 per

-cent and free to the United Kingdom was

not agreed to.

The Treasurer admitted it was one of the

most important votes taken on the tariff, and

one of the most disastrous to protection.

The Norwegian barque *Bjorne* has been to-tally with the *Surprise* Island. The crew

arrived at Sydney on Saturday.

The State revenue for April shows a decrease of

\$12,000 over that for the same month

last year.

At a meeting of the council of the Royal

Agricultural Society it was decided that the

show had proved a financial success.

The Minister of Customs is considering the

proposal of prohibiting the importation of

colonial materials for human wear.

The general manager, Mr. John H. Hill

Junction North mines stated that a good deal

time is experienced in obtaining good

results.

Details of the disaster to the pearl-fishing fleet

near Broome show that 55 lives were lost.

William Johnson, who escaped from Cooma

Gorge, was recovered to three years' hard

labour for robbing and to nine months for

the escape.

A fair amount of business was transacted in

silver, copper, and gold stocks yesterday.

In northern districts, there was a tendency for showers

to change for unsettled weather, with equal

winds, approaching southern dis-

tricts.

COAT, 35s.

TROUSERS AND VEST, 1s.

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Train leaves Sydney at 5.30 a.m. from Milson's Point at 8.30 a.m. The River Trip will occupy about five hours. Fares from Sydney and Suburban Stations (including Rail and Steamer), first-class, is second-class.

Light Refreshments obtainable on Steamer.

ADDITIONAL FAIR PASSENGER TRAIN FROM MOUNT VICTORIA TO SYDNEY.

TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, A convenient FAIR Passenger Train will run from Mount Victoria to Sydney at the following times:

Dep. Mt. Victoria ... 10.30 a.m. Wentworth Falls 10.44 a.m.

Blackheath ... 10.15 a.m. Leura ... 10.30 a.m.

Moorooka Bath ... 10.20 a.m. Bradfield ... 10.30 p.m.

Katoomba ... 10.25 a.m. Art.

Leura ... 10.30 a.m. Springwood ... 10.30 p.m.

Further particulars can be obtained from Station Masters.

By order,

H. H. McLACHLAN, Secretary.

New South Wales Government Railways.

Office of the Chief Commissioner.

TENDERS FOR the undersigned, April 28th, 1908.

PLATES, etc., will be received at this office until 12 o'clock noon, on Monday, May 4, 1908.

BEST SUPPLY OF 200,000 BRICKS for the Metropolitan District Council, at the Office of Engineers' Bridge-street, Sydney, and at the Divisional Engineer's Office, Sydney Station Yard.

MONDAY, MAY 4, 1908.

THE SUPPLY OF 100,000 COAL BOXES, Specifications, etc., at Chief Engineer's Office, 21 Phillip-street, Sydney.

Tenders are to be ordered "Tender for Supply of Bricks," or as the case may be.

The Chief Commissioner does not bind himself to accept tenders for any tenders received.

By order,

H. H. McLACHLAN, Secretary.

CENTRAL RAILWAY CAVES ON PLATFORM OF SYDNEY STATION.

8-COURSE DINNER, 1s.

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MEALS OBTAINABLE FROM 6 A.M. TILL 11.30 P.M.

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EVERY EVENING, AT 8.

MATINEE TO-MORROW, AT 8.

Doors open at 2. One hour's inspection of absolutely the greatest collection of Wild Animals since the Ark.

TO-NIGHT, GRAND FASHIONABLE NIGHT.

NEW CONTINENTAL CIRCUS.

NEW ARTISTS DIRECT FROM EUROPE.

The Bulletin (April 10) says—"A new tribe and school of circus performers has appeared, and makes more noise than any other. They are the French, and death by a hair's breadth. Philip Morris recently performed in their show. The French were the result of a series of turns, but the French have now added to the backbone of a vaudeville theatre for weeks."

HENRY BROS. DEATH DEFYING CYCLISTS, who do the loop in mid-air without a loop, on a motor-cycle.

SYRIAN, Grecian Chieftains, the powerful hand-holders, the Indian, the unique BIROR GAMON, Spanish Acrobat, with their marvellous acrobatic skill.

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HALLOWEEN AND PANTOMIME, Greatest European Clowns, OTHERS, including the famous JOHN WILBY COOKE, World's Champion Jockey Rider.

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PHYLIS FAYE, Marty Hogan, Lucy Lester, John Baldwin, Coleman Smith, Eddie Rector, Elliott Sanders, and others.

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Open from 10 to 6.

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ADVANCE AUSTRALIA, ADVANCE VAUDEVILLE,

FOLLOWING THE ENORMOUS CROWD, NIGHTLY

OUR MAMMOTH COMBINATION.

BIRTHS.

BENNETT.—April 21, at Hornsey, David-street, North Sydney, the wife of Henry Bennett—a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

BARDON.—STINSON.—April 29, at the residence of the bride's parents, 108, Gloucester-street, Paddington, Rev. Alexander Stinson, Minister of the Presbyterian Church, to Margaret, elder daughter of Mr. Joseph Stinson, of the Meadows, Haynes.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS.

SHAW-CLARK.—At Hobart, May 1st, 1908, by the Rev. J. Clark, Wesleyan Minister, John Shaw, son of Mr. J. Smith, to Elizabeth Anne, eldest daughter of the Rev. William Clark, of Hobart. Present address: City View House, North-street, Launceston.

DEATHS.

SHANAHAN.—April 29, at the residence of his son, Alexander Shanahan, 108, Gloucester-street, Paddington, Captain Alexander Shanahan, Shohalhaven River, aged 85 years. No service.

SIMPSON.—At Paddington, April 29, Mrs. Simpson, beloved wife of Sir Harry Harley-Barker, aged 82.

THOMAS.—April 29, at the residence of her sister, Mrs. Anna Thomas, 108, Gloucester-street, Paddington, Anna, beloved daughter of Elizabeth and the late William Thomas, aged 22 years. Melbourne papers have copy.

WILLIAMS.—April 29, at her grandmother's residence, 1 Old Canterbury-road, Petersham, Doris May, age 10 months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Williams.

At rest.

IN MEMORIAM.

ANGUINELLA.—In loving memory of our dear mother, who died this life, May 1, 1908, inserted by her loving son and daughter-in-law, Arthur and Annie.

BOYD.—But loving remembrance of my dear husband and father, William James Birrie, who died suddenly at his residence, 108, Chalmers-street, Paddington, on April 29, 1908.

DODHWAER.—In loving memory of her sister, Mrs. Anna, beloved daughter of Elizabeth and the late William Thomas, aged 22 years. Melbourne papers have copy.

DELL.—April 29, at her grandmother's residence, 1 Old Canterbury-road, Petersham, Doris May, age 10 months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Williams.

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STUDIES OF THE CHINESE IN AUSTRALIA.—A STUDY OF ONE OF THE COMPETITORS AT WORK.

SPECIAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

PENFOLD'S BRANDY.

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THE WOOD-CUTTING CONTEST.

A STUDY OF ONE OF THE COMPETITORS AT WORK.

A GROUP OF CHAMPIONS.

VANQUISHED DOING A STYL TURN.

A Picture Full of Animation.

STUDIES OF JUMPERS.

An Interesting Page, showing Maths, Lady Annerley-Merton, and Judy Stace.

PROMINENT BUSINESS EXHIBITS.

CHAMPION CATTLE.

ASHBURY, GUERNSEY, SHORTHORN, AND JERSEYS.

THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF THE SHOW.

ANGORA GOATS AT THE SHOW.

AFTER THE SHOW: A LITTLE RELAXATION.

A Double Page Drawing, not without Humour.

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VICTORIAN RAILWAY CALAMITY.

A REPORT OF THE DESTRUCTION OF THE MOUNT DERRIGAN RAILWAY CALAMITY IN AUSTRALIAN HISTORY.

UPPER MANNING SHOW.

Some of the Prizewinners.

A HOUSE DIVIDED.

A Sketch by a Clerical Drawing.

THE TURF.

The column is replete with special matter relative to the race racing and sales, with a table of starting prices, and the names of the best-bred and home-bred horses; while the first of next month's columns will make their appearance.

THE SHOW REPORT.

The last day's results appear in the paper this week. The other columns of the paper are bright and interesting.

THE SYDNEY MAIL.

ONE OF THE BEST ISSUES OF THE YEAR.

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LIBERAL AND REFORM ASSOCIATION.

ST. GEORGE ELECTORATE.

THE SECOND BALLOT.

Of Members of the Branches of the Association in the St. George Electorate, to take place TUESDAY, at the Polling-place mentioned hereunder.

10 o'clock P.M.—Ballot boxes open at 8 o'clock P.M.

CANDIDATES: J. H. CLAYTON.

ARNCRAPE.—Wilkinson's Royal Competitive Railway Standard.

HANDBOOK.—Handbook, Woid's Avenue and Railway Parade, Hurstville.

BEVELY.—Bevely—Chambers, Kogarah.

KOGARAH.—School of Arts.

ROCK.—Rock—Society.

ROCK SOCIETY.—Frater's Hall.

If a Member's Name is on the Membership Roll, he or she shall be entitled to vote without the production of their membership Ticket Receipt.

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Hon. Secretary.

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THE TARIFF.

ANOTHER DEFEAT.

AN IMPORTANT VOTE.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.
The Government received another heavy blow to-day on the tariff. The Senate requested that the duty on rotary and percussive rock drills should be 5 per cent. general, and free to the United Kingdom, instead of 20 per cent. and 15 per cent. respectively. This was vigorously opposed by Ministers, and as strongly supported by the Opposition. The casting vote of the Chairman brought about the defeat of the Government. When Sir William Lyne had sufficiently recovered from the shock he admitted that it was one of the most important votes that had been taken on the tariff, and one of the most disastrous to protection. In all probability the item will be referred to the House.

The first matter to engage the attention of the Senate was a new subsection inserted by the Senate, "Manacess or chrome steel parts, free." It was agreed to. Members, however, declined to entertain a request that articles made of aluminium for household use should be admitted free. The duty at present is 5 per cent. A recommendation that the words, "metal furniture," be inserted in printers' types was adopted. The Senate suggested that a code of a road to the desired goal. Not infrequently the narrow view prevailed over the broad one, but this was inevitable in an assembly where very few men had had any real training of either practical or academic public questions, and where few still had even enjoyed those advantages of education and wide reading and study which do so much in qualifying for leadership.

There were other orders, and ready obedience to the authority of the chair was a point of honour, and though strongly held views were often expressed in a rough and ready manner, who did not speak of the opposite opinion, the congress was singularly free from any "incident" of a discreditable nature. Undoubtedly trade unionists have advanced steadily along the roadway of local government.

Congress escaped a great danger when it declined to commit itself to a tariff. Had it done so, it would have been responsible for the recommendations from the Sydney Labour Council—a recommendation that was made with such care that it would have been difficult to argue against it.

There were two "deserters" in the Senate, with two more, however, joining in to keep the original proposal, 20 per cent. and 15 per cent.

Mr. Knox (Vic.) suggested that the Government should be given 15 per cent., and 10 per cent.

The Treasurer said, "I have to be careful what I accept."

These articles, said Mr. Reid, "are tools of trade. The mining industry does not get much out of protection, but all other industries do. Some of them are protest to the extent of 10 per cent., and the tools of trade to 15 per cent."

When this division was called, the Treasurer and the Minister for Customs made frantic attempts to induce several more to cross over.

This was the result of the discussion with these two "deserters" that the Government brought their number to 27. But the Opposition also totalled 27, and as the Chairman gave his casting vote with the others, the Will-Lyne motion was defeated. The voting was as follows:

Mr. S. M. Moore, Archer, Atkinson, Bowden, Gillies, Hargrave, Hart, Hartley, Hay, H. J. Hart, H. J. Hart, Johnson, Kelly, Liddell, Livingstone, Mahon, McLean, McPherson, McPhee, McPhee, McPhee, McPhee, Thomas, D. Thomas, Willis, W. McLean, Weller, Groom, Harper, Hutchison, Knib, Sir Wm. Lyne, Whistler, Matthews, Salmon, Sampson, Sturte, J. Thomas, Tidmarsh, Webster, Willis, Wiles, Wiles.

Ministers were greatly excited and annoyed at the result. Sir William Lyne's speech was a reply to fully half a million of the people of this man said, "I will give my casting vote with the Government, but I am not satisfied with the vote just taken, and not because I think it should be recommended. I regard this item as being recomended. I think that it has been taken on this tariff, and one of the most disastrous to protection."

The second request for the deletion of schedules and halls for ball mills from item 176, was complied with; but their proposal to make only 20 per cent. duty on all electrical machinery was rejected.

The letters sent were added after the word "machines." The House of Representatives imposed a duty of 25 per cent. on electrical machinery, and the Senate rejected the proposal.

The House of Representatives wanted it placed on the free list.

Members, by 28 votes to 23, decided to adhere to the original import.

ELECTRICAL MACHINERY.

Another request, that a similar fate was to be met by the duty of 20 per cent. apply to dynamo electric machines up to a capacity of 10-horse-power. Instead of 10-horse-power.

The same item, and also relating to machinery of over 100 horse-power, was struck out by the Senate.

It was decided to restore it to the schedule.

An increase of 5 per cent. to 25 per cent. was suggested by senators, but it was not accepted.

The Treasurer explained that he would have preferred the item by making gas meter parts not joined in any way practically free.

The sub-section was treated by the House with the object of exempting telephone apparatus from paying duty. The proposal was rejected.

Success attended the recommendation that no duty be levied on regulating, starting, and controlling apparatus for all kinds of electrical machinery, and the proposal to make only 20 per cent. duty on all electrical machinery was rejected.

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Another request presented to the House of Representatives a petition from the electrical workers of New South Wales and Victoria, praying that the duties on electrical machinery as passed by the House be remitted in the course of the Tariff Bill. The petition was read and ordered to be printed.

CUTTING OUT THE ZIGZAG.

COMMENCING WORK.

LITHGOW, Thursday.
Mr. Kendall, surveying engineer, visited the top points and bottom points at Zig-Zag and the coal stage at East Lithgow.

In the course of his visit he stated that work on the Zig-Zag deviation would be commenced at once, and navvies as they finished lengthening the dead end at the head of the deviation would be moved to the deviation work.

He estimated that there were about 150 men who would thus be available within the next two or three weeks, and these would be put to another 100 men working up to 300 to another 100 men working away on the deviation.

He desired to make it clear, however, that there was no necessity for men to rush to the head of the deviation, but on the occasions when this correction was made a definite rule.

The rule is based on what is known as the Metona cycle, and the proposal discovered by the discovery of the number of Arabic numerals, recently translated into English for the amendment of the Shops and Factories Act, the Old Age Pensions Act, the Scolded and Littered Act, the Workmen's Compensation Act, the Mines, Art, and the Navigation Act, were all more or less practical. So, too, were most dealing with the care and development of the health of the average of the working classes in various industries.

Other resolutions, such as those dealing with a six hours' working day, and other merely trifling things that were desirable, but not necessarily practicable.

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Sir William Lyne moved that the request of the Senate to include steel sleepers in the item "Rails, spangles, etc., 15 and 12 grs." be disagreed from. He said arrangements were being made to manufacture such at Lithgow, and he wanted to impose a higher duty on them.

A division resulted in the motion being carried by 23 votes to 16.

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MURURUNDI COLLISION.**INQUIRY COMMENCED.****STATE OF THE SIGNALS.****BARRELS OF DIRT ON WIRE.****(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)****MURURUNDI, Thursday.**

The commission appointed to inquire into the circumstances surrounding the railway collision which occurred at Mururundi on the 17th inst. commenced its sittings in the afternoon of yesterday. The members of the commission are Mr. T. H. Wilshire (president), Professor W. H. Warren and Mr. R. Dunbar, traffic manager, Queensland Railways' assessors. Mr. J. Cargill was present on behalf of the Railway Company. Mr. R. Hollier, M.M., and others men affected by the members of the Locomotive Engineers' Association, Mr. J. Stephenson for the Traffic Engineers' Association, and Mr. W. A. Freeman, solicitor, for the injured passengers, Frank Simmon, Moffat, Kippie, Harris (Singleton), Morris, and Polkhead.

Mr. W. H. McAlpin, driver of the up train from Armidale, was at the sight of the accident, and was the first witness examined. He stated that he had been a permanent driver for six years, and had been driving for some years previous. He passed Armidale at 4.30 a.m., and on approaching Mururundi noticed that the distance signal was not set. He applied the brakes, and they acted perfectly. When he reached the station he found that the signal was all right. He would always look at the signal when you looked over your shoulder, and the signal was set.

At this stage the Commission adjourned until 10 a.m. to-morrow.

MINING.**THE SHARE MARKET.**

In the train there was no occasion to touch the signal again, and it should still have been showing a red light.

Mr. McAlpin, driver. Mr. McAlpin did not accompany him with the lever back.

To Mr. Stephenson: He asked Gibson to assist him, because he was very liable to miss the signal wire about an hour and a half after the collision. He found the wire covered with dirt.

To Mr. Stephenson: It was necessary to make the signal work defectively. Trials since then have shown the same result. He believed the signal had been repaired since the accident.

Mr. Cargill: He had tested the signals after daylight on the 17th, and the signals stuck several times. Then the lever went to the right, and the arm returned to work. They then went along the line, and found dirt and sand on the wire. What they found was that the signal wire was cut.

Mr. Wilshire: Since the dirt had been cleared away the signal had worked satisfactorily.

Mr. McAlpin: There were five or six pounds of dirt and ashes covering two wires.

It was his duty to see to the points and signals, and he was very particular on the subject.

Mr. Stephenson: It was your duty to examine the whole of the station points, etc. Did you do this?

Mr. McAlpin: I did extra work, and examined the points two or three times.

Mr. Wilshire: Do you think you were extra work? You did extra work, train forward.

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Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotes were:

SULPHIDE CORPORATION.**A MONTHLY OPERATION.**

In regard to gold stocks, more than usual attention was paid to Charlers Towers and Gympie stocks and a fair amount of business was recorded.

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